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SUBJECT: JULY 15 CLASH WITH COMMUNIST TERRORISTS NEAR THAI
BORDER AREA

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1. PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN ANNOUNCED DURING A CEREMONY JULY
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MARKING THE ARRIVAL OF FIRST TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT(PURCHASED COMMERCIALY
FROM LOCKHEED) FOR ROYAL MALAYSIAN FORCE AND INAUGURATING NEW
FOURTEENTH SQUADRON THAT ARMY CAPTAIN ZAINAL BIN ABDUL RASHID, PATROL
LEADER KILLED IN JULY 15 CLASH WITH COMMUNIST TERRORISTS (CT'S)REPORT
ED
REFTEL, HAS BEEN POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED HIGHEST MALAYSIAN GALLANTRY
AWARD BY THE YANG DIPERTUAN AGUNG (KING). CAPT. ZAINAL KILLED FOUR
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CT'S BEFORE BEING MORTALLY WOUNDED IN THE ENAGAGMENT, THEREBY

DEMONSTRATING, AS PM PUT IT HIGHEST STANDARDS OF LEADERSHIP AND BRAVERY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES (SF) RECOVERED A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF WEAPONS AMMO AND GEAR FOLLOWING JULY 15 CLASH IN GUBIR AREA OF KEDAH STATE, ABOUT 10 MILES FROM THE THAI BORDER. THESE INCLUDED A MORTAR, FOUR CARBINES, A STERLING SUBMACHINE GUN, ONE M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, 20 HAND-GRENADES, AND 15 PACKS. AS OF JULY 18 FOLLOW-UP OPERATIONS IN PURSUIT OF REMNANTS OF INSURGENT BAND, BELIEVED TO NUMBER ABOUT TEN, CONTINUED, WITH THE CT'S EXPECTED TO TRY TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE THAI BORDER, AND THE MALAYSIAN ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THIS POSSIBLE ESCAPE ROUTE.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, BODIES OF THE SIX DEAD CT'S WERE DISPLAYED PUBLICLY FOR RELATIVES TO CLAIM, BUT NONE CAME FORWARD TO DO SO, BODIES SUBSEQUENTLY WERE BURIED IN CHINESE CEMETARY NEA

BALING, KEDAH. CAPTION WITH "UTUSAN MALAYSIA" PHOTO OF CORPSES READ "ENEMIES OF THE NATION WHO WERE KILLED." PRESS ALSO REPORTED DEATH OF ARMY PRIVATE KILLED BY BOOBY TRAP JULY 16 IN SAME GENERAL AREA, PRESUMABLY IN RELATED OPERATIONS.

4. IN KUALA LUMPUR THE AUTHORITIES HAVE AFSXED WANTED POSTERS FOR COMMUNIST SUSPECTS IN A NUMBER OF BUSY DOWNTOWN AREAS AS PART OF EXPANDED PAYWAR EFFORT AGAINST ARMED COMMUNIST ELEMENTS AND THEIR UNDERGROUND SUPPORTERS (SIMILAR DISPLAY IN PERAK, ESPECIALLY IN IPOH, HAVE RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF SURRENDERS AND ARRESTS OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN VARYING DEGREES OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, AND SECURITY OFFICIALS ARE HOPING FOR SIMILAR RESULTS HERE). UNDERHILL

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